

WENT OVER TO TO-DAY

Massie Gets Campbell Matter Passed By.

HOUSE ON CHILD LABOR

Lyle Bill Passed with Cabell Measure As an Amendment—Pure Elections Discussed and Toy-Histol Bill Passed in the House.

There was much of public interest about the Capitol yesterday.

The Senate session was brief and consisted largely in the disposition of local and uncontested matters.

The resolutions and reports sent over from the House in the Campbell-Crawford case were laid before the body, and on motion of Mr. Massie, of Nelson, were passed by until to-day.

There was a pretty good crowd of visitors on hand to watch the case, and when it went by were evidently disappointed. It will likely cause a big fight on the floor, and the outcome in the upper branch will be eagerly looked for.

Mr. Bruce, of Wise, offered in the Senate a bill to create a high school district in the Jeffersonville District of Lee county, and it went over.

The McGowan bill to do away with secrecy in divorce cases was passed without amendment. A number of other bills of more or less importance were passed, among them being one by Mr. McIlwaine to allow the assignment of life insurance policies.

One of the features of the day on the House side was the passage of the Lyle child labor bill, with an amendment offered by the General Laws Committee, making it practically the Cabell bill, which has already passed the House, and which was so earnestly contended for by Mr. Halsey, of Lynchburg, in the Senate. This disagreement means a conference with the probable result of compromise.

The Barkdale pure elections bill was taken up and discussed at some length. The fight came up on the striking out of the committee amendment to insert the word "corruptly," and this was ably contended for by Messrs. Cummings, Lee and others. Messrs. Duke, Sipe and Cabell spoke for the bill as it came from the Senate, and it went over without action.

A number of bills were passed by the House, the most interesting having been that by Mr. Charles Bland to prevent the sale or gift of firearms to persons under sixteen years of age.

The Senate.

The Rev. Dr. W. T. Delfreux made the prayer in the Senate.

Mr. Massie asked that the joint resolution from the House relating to the removal of Judge Clarence J. Campbell be passed by until to-day, and this was agreed to without objection. There will be a lively fight when the matter comes up.

Mr. McIlwaine, from the Committee for Courts of Justice, reported without amendment Senate joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 41 of the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendment, and certifying the same to the next session of the General Assembly. This is the resolution offered by Mr. Sears providing for the amendment to be made by the Senate, or in other words, to restore the provision in the old Constitution as to the term and election of Senators.

This provided that the terms of one-half the Senators should be for one year, and the other half for two years. The new instrument proposed to do away with the hold-over feature.

Mr. McIlwaine moved that the Senate insist upon its amendment to the House bill providing for putting into operation the Corporation Commission. He explained that he had been informed that the House had agreed to all the Senate amendments except one, and this one was thought to have been provided for in another act. He, therefore, moved that a conference committee be asked for. This was agreed to.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Shackelford to provide for the purpose of taking the sense of the voters upon the question of issuing bonds to build macadamized roads.

Mr. Bruce introduced a bill to establish Charlottesville High School District in Lee county.

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Mr. Mann offered the following, which was agreed to:

Whereas, under the Constitution of Virginia, there are grave doubts upon the minds of many lawyers and other citizens whether any election for town officers can be held in any of the towns of this Commonwealth prior to the regular election in November next;

And whereas, it is of the utmost importance that this question should be properly and finally settled;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate of Virginia, that the Committee on the Constitution of Virginia, and the members thereof, be and are hereby instructed to investigate the question and report to the Senate whether, under the Constitution for any officers can be held prior to the elections provided for by the first Monday in November next.

THE DIVORCE BILL.

When Mr. McIlwaine's bill to amend the Code with a view to removing all chance of secrecy in securing divorces and to provide for the taking of testimony by commission was introduced, Mr. Shands moved to amend so as to allow notaries public to take evidence.

Mr. McIlwaine in one of those short, sharp and forcible arguments he is capable of making opposed the amendment. He wanted to provide in due time against what seemed to him to be a growing evil in this State. In other words, Mr. McIlwaine thought that the taking of evidence by notaries public would be a much better opportunity for collusion than if commissioners in chancery were to do this work.

Mr. Shands fought for his amendment. Seeing it would be lost, he wanted to have the act so changed as to provide for justices of the peace taking testimony.

Mr. McIlwaine would not consent to this.

Mr. Harvey came up to the support of the Petersburg Senator and related a case in which the questions and answers in a divorce suit proceeding were so exonerating to the parties that the court was obliged to convince any one that there had been collusion.

The Shands amendment was rejected and the bill passed.

THE GAME BILL.

The bill reported from the Committee on Game and Game to amend chapter 95 of the Code in relation to the preservation and protection of game came up on its second reading. Mr. Halsey and others offered amendments to perfect it, and these were adopted.

The bill, in the judgment of many



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Senators, is very drastic, and final action was not taken upon it.

The bill was made the special order for Friday.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

To validate acts of certain commissioners in chancery.

To provide for the substitution of State Corporation Commission for Board of Public Works in all proceedings at law and in equity.

In relation to establishment of small-pox hospitals.

To amend the act establishing the State Board of Embalmers.

To amend section 2236 of the Code, in relation to divorce.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

Authorizing the assignment of life insurance policies.

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To amend section 2453 of Code, relating to reduction of rent, etc.

To prohibit exhibiting of certain slot machines.

The House.

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Rev. H. P. Atkins, of the Christian Church.

There were no bills offered, but there was a report in Mann-Bill petitions, a number of them having been offered by various members. Senate bill 155, to authorize cities of 40,000 and over to make contributions to charitable institutions, caused some debate, and it was agreed to as to strike out 40,000, although all agreed to come in.

After considerable discussion, the bill was recommitted, in order that it might be perfected.

Mr. Rice called attention to the fact that he was paired when the vote was taken by the House on the Campbell bill, with the member from Patrick, who had been present, would have voted in favor of the South and Duke amendments, to strike out certain specifications, and he (Mr. Rice) would have voted against these motions.

When the Lyle child labor bill came up, it was on motion of the General Laws Committee so amended as to make it practically the Cabell bill already passed by the House, and thus amended it was passed. It goes to the Senate for conference, and some compromise will doubtless be reached. The House then took up and disposed of a number of uncontested measures appearing upon the calendar. None of these were debated, and when one came up which indicated trouble, it went over.

Among those of interest that were passed was that by Mr. Charles T. Bland to prevent the sale or gift of firearms to persons under 16 years of age, and to provide punishment for the same. There was no objection or opposition to the bill in the House.

The game warden bill of Mr. Caton was earnestly opposed by Messrs. Edwards and Hoerning, and finally passed by a majority.

BARKDALE BILL.

The Barkdale Pure Elections bill was taken up as unfinished business, and Mr. Cummings made a strong speech for the committee amendment, which proposes to insert the word "corruptly," and he was followed by Mr. Duke, of Charlottesville, having charge of the measure, who spoke earnestly and ably for the bill as it came from the Senate. He said the time had come when the Legislature should meet the demands of the people and pass an honest election measure, and not straddle the issue and give them any misleading subterfuge.

Mr. Baker, of Westmoreland, spoke for the report of the committee, and said that as it came from the Senate was far too drastic. Mr. Baker and Mr. Leake became involved in a colloquy, the latter contending for the original bill.

Mr. Sipe advocated the striking out of the committee amendment, and said that

to leave it in, meant to kill the good effect designed for the bill.

Mr. Sipe closed with an appeal to the House to meet the issue fairly, and to uphold the sentiment which was evidently abroad in the land, and he was followed by Mr. Lee, who spoke with great earnestness in favor of the amendment.

BREKID INVESTIGATION.

His declaration that the bill as it came from the Senate was to his mind one of the greatest brekids of investigations he had ever seen, and he was tired of investigation. If he should invite Mr. Duke down to Fairfax to speak for him and should produce a bottle of Duffy's Malt Jenever, at his home, he would have to put this into his licensed statement.

Mr. Lee declared that he was in favor of pure elections, but wanted a common-sense law on the subject, and not something that would be regarded as ridiculous upon its very face.

Mr. Gavins, of Henrico, offered an amendment to except the following items of expense amid great laughter:

1. Assessments by committees.
2. Printing and advertising.
3. Hire of team necessary to carry voters to the polls.
4. Traveling expenses.
5. Employment of workers at the polls on election day.

Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville, spoke for the Senate bill, and his effort was one that bristled with straight-forward statements as to political conduct in Virginia, which he believed should be remedied. While the bill did not meet the views of all the advocates of pure elections, yet he believed its passage would do a great deal to improve the conditions in elections of Virginia.

To insert the committee amendment, Mr. Lee moved to absolutely destroy the bill. This, Mr. Cummings said, was not the view of the committee. The members had no dream of killing the bill. Mr. Cabell said he accepted the disclaimer, but said further that there was only one issue involved, that was whether or not the people really desired honest elections. He believed they did, and therefore he asked for the bill as it came from the Senate.

At the conclusion of Mr. Cabell's address at 2 o'clock, adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

To amend and re-enact section 1101 of the Code of Virginia, 1887, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1101 of the Code of Virginia, approved March 20, 1902.

Making it a misdemeanor to employ children under the age of twelve years in manufacturing, mechanical and mining operations, and to regulate the hours of employment of children between the ages of 12 and 14.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Gloucester county to borrow money.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Lancaster county to effect an act in relation to county road purposes, and to disburse the same.

To empower the Board of Supervisors and judge of the County Court of Giles to authorize the Daughters of the Confederacy to erect a monument on the court-house square at Farmington, Virginia, in the memory of the Confederate soldiers of said county, and in their discretion to appropriate money to aid in the erection of said monument.

To amend and re-enact section 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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